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SUBJ: CCD: 633RD PLENARY MEETING, MAY 7, 1974

1. SUMMARY: REPRESENTATIVES OF SWEDEN AND USSR SPOKE IN 633RD PLENARY MEETING. MRS. THORSSON (SWEDEN) REVIEWED CCD RECORD OVER PAST FIVE YEARS AND CONCLUDED RESULTS A "MEAGER HARVEST". HOWEVER, MRS THORSSON SAID SHE DID NOT WANT TO JOIN THOSE DECLARING CCD DEAD; A MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATING MACHINERY IS SORELY NEEDED AND SWEDISH DEL PREPARED STRENGTHEN IT. MRS. THORSEON CALLED FOR CTB AND URGED US TO RATIFY GENEVA PROTOCOL AND TO MAKE A CONCRETE CW PROPOSAL. IN PRELIMINARY COMMENTS, SHE WELCOMED JAPANESE CW INITIATIVE AND SUPPORTED SUGGESTION FOR EXPERTS' MEETING ON IT. ALSO ASKED US AND USSR TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON "MINI-NUKES" POSED BY SWEDISH REP IN 1972 SESSION. SHE COMMENTED ON REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS, AND ALSO RAISED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, COMPLETE DEMILITARIZATION OF SEABED, INCENDIARY WEAPONS, AND WEATHER MODIFICATION. AMB ROSHCIN (USSR) SPEAKING ON CW, PRAISED JAPANESE INITIATIVE, BUT SAID CW NEGOTIATION ONLY POSSIBLE AFTER WESTERN, PARTICULARLY US, POSITION DEFINED. ROSHCIN SAID USSR PREPARED "CONSIDER POSITIVELY" PARTICIPATION IN MEETING OF EXPERTS ON CW SUGGESTED BY JAPANESE, ALTHOUGH EXPERTS' MEETING WOULD BE MORE USEFUL IF WESTERN CW POSITIONS KNOWN BEFORE MEETING. SOV DEL ALSO CRITICIZED REMARKS OF JAPANESE DEL ON VERIFICATION

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IN 628TH PLENARY, NOTING THAT VERIFICATION "ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION UTILIZED BY SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES AS PRETEXT FOR REJECTING PROPOSALS WHEN THEY NEEDED TO DISGUISE UNPREPAREDNESS OR LACK OF DESIRE TO AGREE" ON DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN HER FIRST STATEMENT TO CCD, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE THORSSON (SWEDEN) REVIEWED CCD RECORD

OVER PAST FIVE YEARS, CONCLUDING THAT CCD ADVANCES WERE SLOW AND MARGINAL AND THE RESULTS A "MEAGER HARVEST" OF PARTIAL MEASURES. SHE SAID THAT UNLESS THERE FOLLOWED BY COMPREHENSIVE PROHIBITIONS, PARTIAL MEASURES COULD BECOME MERELY INSIGNIFICANT NON- ARMAMENT MEASURES. SHE DID NOT , HOWEVER, WISH TO JOIN THOSE WHO ARE "INCLINED TO DECLARE THE CCD DEAD", (AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO OPEINING DAY SPEECH OF MEXICAN AMB GARCIA ROBLES) AND SAID CCD CAN RECORD SOME MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN DISARMEAMENT. MULITILATERAL NEGOTIATION MACHINERY SORELY NEEDED AND THE SWEDISH DEL PREPARED HELP STRENGTHEN THAT MACHINERY.

3. MRS. THORSSON APPEALED TO US AND USSR TO AGREE ON CTB BEFORE NUCLEAR ARMS GET ENTIRELY OUT OF HAND. SHE ADDED THAT CTB ALSO A NECESSARY FIRST STEP TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING ART VI OF THE NPT. SWEDISH WORKING PAPER (CCD/348), WHICH CONTAINED SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE PROVISIONS OF A CTB, STILL CURRENT AND COULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR CTB NEGOTIATIONS. EMPHASIZING DANGER

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OF "SO-CALLED MINI-NUKES", THORSSON ASKED US AND
USSR TO ANSWER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THESE WEAPONS
RAISED BY SWEDISH DEL IN 1972 SUMMAR SESSION.

4. MRS. THORSSON SAID IT URGENT TO STRENGTHEN
GENEVA PROTOCOL AND THAT IT WOULD IMPROVE
PSSIBILITIES FOR FRUITFUL NEGOTIATIONS ON A CW
PRODUCTION BAN IF THE US WOULD RATIFY PROTOCOL.
SHE CITED SOVIET DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE CW BAN AND
NON-ALIGNED MEMO ON CW AND SAID US CW PROPOSAL NEEDED
"IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRADITIONAL MODUS OPERANDI
OF THIS COMMITTEE WHEN INITIATING FINAL NEGOTIATIONS
ON DISARMEMENT TREATIES." MRS. THORSSON SAID
SWEDISH DEL "HIGHLY APPRECIATES AND APPLAUDS JAPANESE
CW INITIATIVE AND HOPED IT WOULD SERVE AS INITIATIVE
FOR CONCRETE DISCUSSION AND FINAL NEGOTIATION OF

CW CONVENTION." SHE GAVE PRELIMINARY SWEDISH REACTION TO SOME PARTS OF JAPANESE PROPOSAL, AND ASKED FOR FURTHER JAPANESE THOUGHTS ON FUNCTIONING OF INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION AGENCY AND HOW PROBLEM OF BINARY WEAPONS WOULD BE DEALY WITH. ENDORSING JAPANESE SUGGESTION FOR INFORMAL EXPERTS MEETING ON SCOPE OF CONVENTION, THORSSON SAID IT SHOULD BE ARRANGED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN SUMMER SESSION IN ORDER TO APPLY ITS RESULTS THIS YEAR.

5. TURNING TO OTHER MEASURES, MRS. THORSSON POINTED OUT THAT RECUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS HAD OFTEN BEEN DISCUSSED AT CCD, AND THAT SWEDISH GOVT WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON SUCH MEASURES. SHE ADDED THAT HER DEL ALSO VELIEVED GREATER OPENNES IN REGARD TO ACTUAL DEFENSE EXPENDITURES NEEDED TO IMPROVE CLIMATE FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON REAL REDUCTION AND SHE INTENDED TO RETURN TO QUESTION SOON WITH "MORE CONCRETE AND DETAILED PROPOSALS REGARDING THE KIND OF OPENNESS AND INFORMATION WHICH WOULD BE OF INTEREST IN ORDER TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING AND TO RETAIN CONFIDENCE."

6. THORSSON AGREED WITH APRIL 16 STATEMENT BY AMB MARTIN (US) THAT LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS EXTEMELY IMPORTANT PROBLEM AND SAID IT SHOULD "AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME" BE DISCUSSED IN CCD. FOR THE PRESENT HOWEVER, REALISTIC NEGOTIATIONS TO THIS END CAN ONLY BE CONDUCTED IN REGIONAL FORA, PREFERABLY IN CONNECTION WITH TROOP REDUCTIONS. REFERRING TO CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS, MRS. THORSSON SAID POSITION OF SWEDISH GOVT CONTINUED TO BE THAT PROBLEM SHOULD NOT AT THIS STAGE BE REFERRED TO CCD SINCE IT PRIMARILY QUESTION OF NON-USE THAT IS INVOLVED, AND NOT DISARMAMENT IN THE SENSE OF PHYSICAL ELIMINATION OF WEAPONS. IN SWEDISH VIEW, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO OUTLAW OR RESTRICT THEIR USE IN WAR AND THEREAFTER DEAL WITH THEIR ELIMINATION FROM ARSENALS.

7. IN REGARD TO WHAT SHE CALLED "THE PARTIAL SEABED TREATY", MRS. THORSSON SAID CCD BEARS RESPONSIBILITY TO ACHIEVE FURTHER RESULTS IN REGARD TO SEABED BEFORE TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE IN 1977 AND MUST SOON START SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON COMPLETE DEMILITARIZATION OF THE SEABED. NOTING THAT ONE IMPORTANT TASK OF CCD WAS TO SINGLE OUT

AREAS WHERE THERE WAS AS YET NO IMMEDIATE RISKS
OF WEAPONS DEPLOYMENT, MRS. THORSSON SAID
"WATCHFUL EYE" SHOULD BE KEPT ON WEATHER MODIFICATION
TO HINDER FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OF METHODS OF
METEOROLOGICAL WARFARE AND THAT ALL PARTIES CONDUCTING
WEATHER RESEARCH SHOULD BE "PRUDENT" IN REGARD
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TO WEATHER MANIPULATION. METEOROLOGICAL
FIELD REQUIRES CLOSE ATTENTION BY CCD TO SEE WHAT
MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN TO PROHIBIT USE OF WEATHER
MODIFICATION FOR WARFARE.

8. AMB ROSHCHIN (USSR) SPOKE ON CW. HE REHEARSED
SOVIET VIEW OF CW DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE, PRAISING
SOVIET CW DRAFT AND ITS VERIFICATION PROCEDURES.
HE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION SUBMISSION OF JAPANESE
DRAFT CW TREATY AND SAID IT REPRESENTED "A DEFINITE
CONTRIBUTION" TO CONSIDERATION OF CW. IT OF
"POSITIVE SIGNIFICANCE" THAT JAPANESE DRAFT CONTAINED
PROVISIONS FOR COMPREHENSIVE PROHIBITION
OF CW. AT SAME TIME, HE CONTINUED, NEGOTIATIONS
TOWARD AGREEMENT ON CW COULD ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN
AFTER POSITION OF US AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTR
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